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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **HIRAOKA, Naoki, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1751**

Serial No.: **10/662,450**

Examiner: **Gregory E. Webb**

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FOR: **CHEMICAL SOLUTION FEEDING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
PREPARING SLURRY**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 19, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 19, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.